

## Sweetgum

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Named for the sweetgum tree (*liquidambar styraciflua*) a deciduous tree native to the southeastern United States, whose leaves turns spectacular shades of yellow, red, smoky purple, and brown in the fall.



This bulked-up cowl is perfect for autumn, when you need a little bit of cozy, a little bit of warmth, and a whole lot of style. It's bolder than a cardigan but easier to wear than a shawl. And it's super-adjustable. Pull it down over your arms and shoulders, or pull it up over your head like a hood.

This pattern was designed for the 4! Ounce! Challenge! on Ravelry, a challenge to design patterns specifically for using 4 ounces or less of handspun yarn, but feel free to substitute any commercially available bulky yarn.



**PATTERN SPECIFICATIONS:**

**yarn:** 290 yards bulky low-twist thick-and-thin handspun singles (I used a little less than 4 ounces of Hello Yarn Falkland in the “Grouch” colorway. I spun it on a 5:1 ratio whorl [slow whorl], scotch tension, worsted spun, short forward draw, intentionally thick-and-thin. 4 ounces yielded 320 yards with an average of 10 wraps per inch.); an appropriate commercial substitute would be Malabrigo Chunky

**needles:** 24” size 13 circular needles, or size to obtain gauge

**gauge:** 3 sts/inch in stockinette



**finished size:** 14” wide, measured flat, 19” long (can be up-sized or down-sized, width-wise, by adding or subtracting the 13-stitch lace repeat)

**ABBREVIATION KEY:**

*yo = yarn over*

*k = knit*

*p = purl*

*s1 k2tog pss0 = slip one stitch, knit the next two stitches together, pass the slipped stitch over*

**PATTERN:**

Cast on 91 stitches. Place marker to indicate beginning of round. Join to knit in the round, making sure not to twist stitches.

**Round 1:** K to end.

**Round 2:** P to end.

**Round 3:** K to end.

**Round 4:** P to end.

**Round 5:** K to end.

Begin lace pattern.

**Purl Barred Scallop Lace Pattern:**

**Rounds 1, 3, 5, 7, 9:** \*yo, k4, s1 k2tog pss0, k4, yo, k2, repeat from \* 6 more times

**Rounds 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14:** knit

**Round 11, 13:** purl

(for charted directions, see page 4)

Repeat lace pattern four more times.

After round 14 of fifth lace pattern repeat:

**Round 1:** P to end.

**Round 2:** K to end.

Bind off with any stretchy bind-off you choose. I prefer this Russian lace bind-off:

Knit through the back loop, knit the next stitch through the back loop (ktbl). Move both stitches back to the left needle and knit together through the back loop (k2togbl). Ktbl the next stitch. Move both stitches back to the left needle and k2togbl. Continue until you have bound off all stitches. Weave in ends. Block. Enjoy!

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**Legend:**

- yo  
Yarn Over

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- knit  
knit stitch

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- ∧ sl1 k2tog pssso  
slip 1, k2tog, pass slip stitch over k2tog

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- purl  
purl stitch

Purl Barred Scallop pattern adapted from the Library of Knitting Stitches found at Knitting on the Net ([knittingonthenet.com/stitches.htm](http://knittingonthenet.com/stitches.htm)).

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